

Bed-Ridden Man Burned To Death

Natchez, Miss. April 14 — Charles Barland, 73-year-old bed-ridden Negro, burned to death early today when fire of undetermined origin destroyed his small home on the outskirts of town.

Leota Moore, owner of Barland's house, told a coroner's inquest that when the fire was discovered, the interior was ablaze and rescue was impossible.

Five-Year-Old Is Auto Victim

A five-year-old Negro boy last night became Jackson's second traffic fatality of 1958.

Police said Leval Hill died at University Hospital at 9:30 of injuries received when he was struck by an automobile Sunday afternoon.

Officer J. D. Hart said the child was hit when he darted into the path of a car driven by Mildred Jones of 2030 Bennett Avenue.

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Do's And Don'ts



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Bishop Wright Leads Delegation To Africa

Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., President of the Bishops' Council of the AME Church and Bishop of the Fifth and Sixteenth Districts, left recently, from International Airport, heading a delegation of African Methodists to South Africa for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the AME Church in South Africa, which closes April 15.

Other members of the delegation are Bishops I. H. Bonner and wife; Frederick D. Jordan and wife; Dr. A. Chester Clark, secretary of the Missionary Department of the AME Church; Dr. Anne E. Heath, president of the Connectional Women's Missionary Church; Mrs. A. N. Valentine of Washington; Mrs. Cleo Love of San Diego, Calif.; and Dr. and Mrs. D. V. Kyle of Long Beach, Calif.

The main celebration will be at Bloemfontein, Orangia, where a pageant of the fork in South Africa will be presented.

On Sunday, March 30, Bishop Wright preached the jubilee sermon in Bloemfontein. A special celebration will be held among the students of Wilberforce Institute near Johannesburg.

Celebrations will be held all over South Africa; from the border of the Belgian Congo to Cape Town and members of the delegation will visit Durban in Natal, Port Elizabeth, New London, and Bremeradort in Swaziland where they will be entertained by the famous King Sobusha II. Johannesburg, the city of over a million people, will also be a center of celebration.

While Bishop Wright will return early, members of the party will spend much time in South, Central and West Africa. Some will visit the Holy Land and return via Europe. All three of the Bishops and their wives have served in the church in South Africa.

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Sharing the same spotlight as stars of Irving Feld's touring show that played here last week, each credits their training in the gospel field with doing much to lift them up to jukebox, TV, theatre and nite-club fame. On this tour, which will take them from coast-to-coast and Canada, they started singing some religious tunes backstage and it sounded so good that if they can get permission from their respective record firms, they want to turn out an album of their favorite gospel songs as a trio.

Cooke, who sprang to fame last year with "You Send Me" after leaving the Soul Stirrers gospel group was highly regarded and was a \$400 weekly paycheck earner. Within six months he's earned \$100,000 and by the end of the year should top the \$250,000 mark.

Before she made her theatrical debut 12 years ago as Little Miss Sharecropper, Lavern sang lead with the Indiana Avenue Four, a girls spiritual group much in demand in Chicago. Though still in high school the group traveled on week-ends all over the mid-west.

Before he came to New York, Clyde McPhatter's high tenor voice was a church concert fixture in North Carolina. When his name was announced as leading a gospel program tickets were sold faster than hot cakes. Then he joined the Dominoes rock 'n' roll quartet, left them to form the Drifters and finally struck out on his own to become a much in demand one-night attraction.

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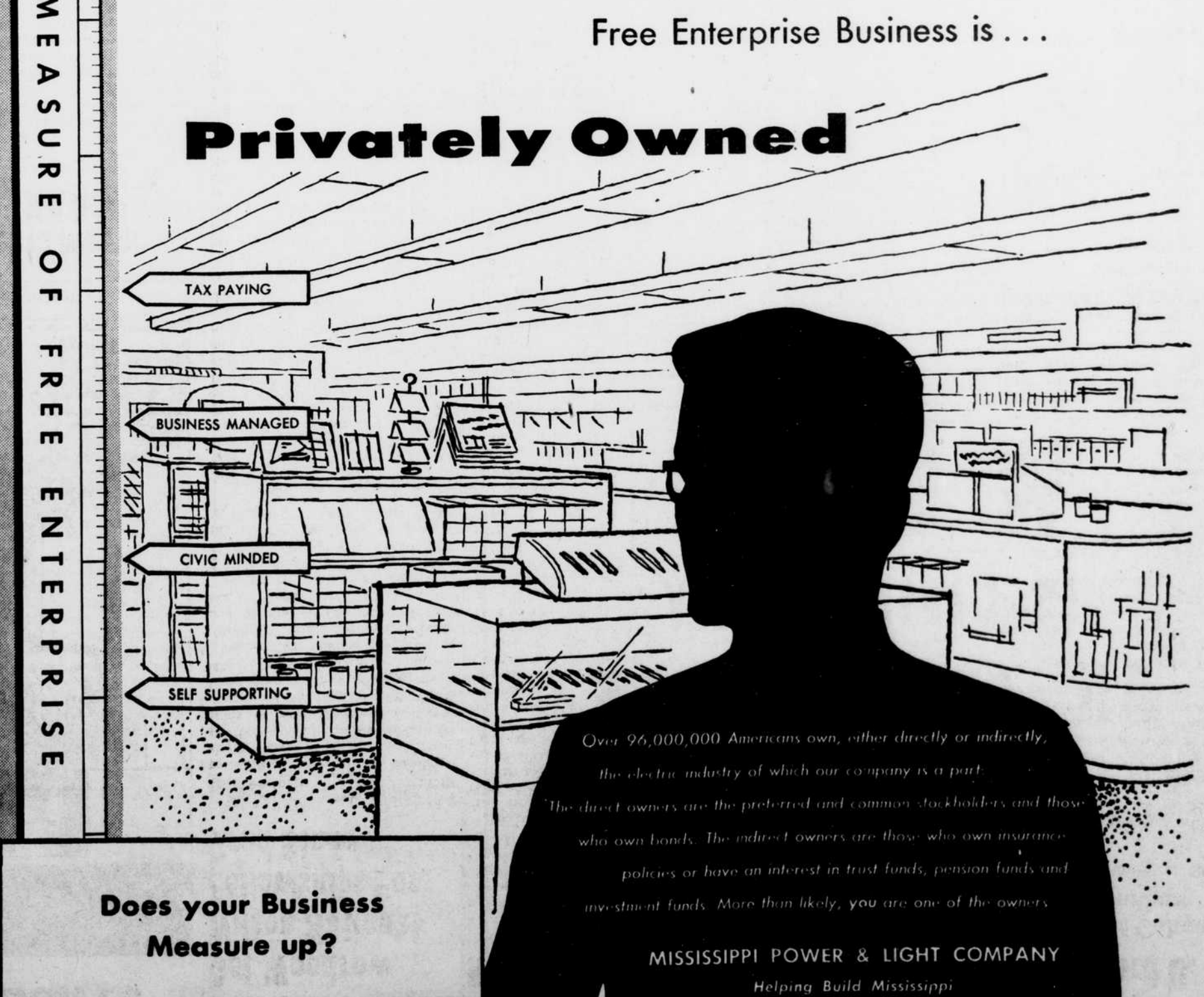
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